



Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan pays a surprise visit to Bangor, Maine, on Monday, where his plane was diverted because of heavy snow in New York and Washington. Dayan is seen in the Bangor airport flanked by his aides Meir Rosenne (left) and Naftali Lavie. (AP radiophoto)

Readers arrive at Camp David, Carter calls for 'flexibility'

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON — As Israeli and U.S. negotiators were arriving yesterday for another round of peace talks at Camp David, President Jimmy Carter once again expressed his desire to call another three-way summit with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat.

According to the State Department spokesman, Carter's remarks were made during a press conference at the White House. Carter said that he was looking forward to the talks and that he would be flexible in his approach.

The Israeli delegation, led by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, arrived at Camp David on Monday. The U.S. delegation, led by Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders, also arrived on Monday.

Egypt radio warns: Mideast is 'dangerously tense'

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies WASHINGTON — On the eve of today's scheduled start of new Middle East peace talks at Camp David, Egypt warned Israel yesterday that the situation in the region is "dangerously tense" and urged Israel to realize that a comprehensive settlement is vital.

The Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday planted an olive grove on the site of a major tank battle during the October 1973 war. Sadat made no reference to the Camp David talks.

Battles continue on China-Vietnam front

BANGKOK — Both China and Vietnam said last night their forces were still battling one another, three days after Peking launched its big attack on Vietnamese territory. The Vietnamese said that Chinese troops had occupied many districts in the frontier areas of northern Vietnam, but that 1,500 Chinese had been killed on Monday alone.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry denied reports that Vice-Foreign Minister No Ying had told the Lebanese ambassador in Peking the operation against Vietnam had ended, and that Chinese forces were pulling back to the frontier.

Khomeini hits left: split seen in revolution

TEHRAN — A split in Iran's revolutionary movement burst into the open yesterday when religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini denounced leftist urban guerrillas and their supporters as "anti-Islamic opportunists."

Khomeini's move was seen as a warning to the left-wing elements of the revolution. He said that the revolution was for the Islamic faith and that the leftists were undermining it.

This serious undermining of the armed forces comes at a time when the government has had to send a special mission to the volatile Kurdish region, following reports of separatist unrest. Khomeini indicated the vulnerability of Iran's military machine by stating that the armed forces were not self-sufficient and needed foreign technicians to service the billions of dollars' worth of sophisticated arms bought by the Shah.

Gen. Gharani also said the tens of thousands of "unofficial" militia which helped overthrow the former government would be organized into a permanent national guard. The National Front political party earlier had called for such a move, to weaken the threat of a future military coup.

Israel adds Gulf of Suez oil, U.S. aid to Camp David agenda

By ASHER WALLFISH Jerusalem Post Reporter WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday that Israel has added to the agenda of the Camp David talks the issue of oil in the Gulf of Suez, and U.S. economic aid for Israel.

The prime minister was full of praise for the assistance rendered by the U.S. in connection with the evacuation of the last few Israelis who had stayed behind in Iran. He said that the U.S. policy is bankrupt throughout the world, and particularly in the Middle East.

rely on its own resources, keep up its strength, and hold on to the areas. Pesach Grupper (Likud-Liberals): Events in Iran prove that Israel must become stronger, but it can only do that with U.S. help. We must get more F-16 aircraft, for instance, as fast as possible.

Police close in on Tel Aviv drug gangs

By YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV — The Israel Police will ask the German Federal Police to extradite a 35-year-old Tel Aviv resident suspected of drug peddling and related crimes, a senior police officer told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Two strong gangs operate in Jaffa, one comprising Jewish criminals, the other Arabs. The third gang, called "The Tikva Gang" after its home territory, consists of members from all over the Tel Aviv area.

Jerusalem Post's report on the subject of two days ago. The Post also learned that the police have received many anonymous calls concerning drug dealers. These calls, believed to be from gang members informing on each other, have proved very helpful to the police in arresting drug dealers.

A 23 year-old Holon resident was arrested yesterday, suspected of running a drug selling station in his flat. Nine grams of heroin worth over IL40,000 were seized. Eight other people were also arrested there, some suspected of drug dealing and some of buying.

U.S. closes three consulates in Iran

WASHINGTON — The State Department yesterday announced it was temporarily closing its consulates in three Iranian cities. The department said that operations were being suspended temporarily in the Tabriz, Shiraz and Isfahan consulates, but the embassy in Tehran would remain open.

Spokesman Hodding Carter told reporters it was "too dangerous for the time being" to keep the consulates open. Despite the closures, there were signs that relations between the U.S. and the provisional government in Iran were improving.

"We will be interested to see what sort of relations there will be to maintain with us in the future," said an Iranian government spokesman. In Tehran, the U.S. Embassy said it was holding prisoner a U.S. Marine sergeant who was wounded slightly during last week's seizure of the U.S. embassy compound by left-wing revolutionaries.

Israel reopens frontier to UNIFIL

Jerusalem Post Reporter and Agencies HANIKRA — Israel yesterday reopened its frontier to all UN personnel, some 30 hours after the border was closed following the seizure of a Senegalese soldier for carrying explosives from Lebanon.

The spokesman was responding to press reports claiming that 40 Lebanese had gone over to the PLO. The spokesman said that the former Lebanese government decided in January to withdraw its 600 soldiers from UNIFIL, but 128 remain in Lebanon, unable to return because the revolution in Iran has closed the airports.

The spokesman said that the Red Cross had been involved in the transfer of arms and sabotage material in Southern Lebanon under the guise of medical supply shipments. The spokesman said that the Red Cross never involved in such an incident, but the competent authorities had never even contacted his organization with claims to that effect.

Treasury stands firm on laundering scheme

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter The Finance Ministry stands by its opinion in favour of laundering unreported "black" capital, Deputy Minister Yehezkel Flomin told Knesset coalition members yesterday.

To sweeten the pill, Flomin said that revenue gained through the laundering plan will be used for housing for young couples and the poor. The deputy minister said black money functions destructively and is an incomparable cause of inflation.

Carter rules out U.S. role in Iran and Southeast Asia

ATLANTA (Reuters) — President Jimmy Carter yesterday ruled out U.S. military intervention in either Iran or in conflicts between Asian Communist states. The President, speaking at the Georgia Institute of Technology, warned that the events in Indochina could have unforeseen consequences and that Soviet interference in Iran also could have serious consequences.

In discussing the Vietnamese-led insurgency in Cambodia and the Chinese invasion of Vietnam, Carter promised to stand by U.S. friends in Asia. White House officials reported that Carter had personally contacted Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping about the conflict in South-East Asia. The president said he would not permit unacceptable Soviet behaviour to interfere with negotiations for a new treaty limiting strategic arms (SALT).

missiles temporarily established when the first SALT agreement was signed in 1972. The Soviet Union would be required to destroy more than 250 missiles or bombers, 10 per cent of its strategic forces, he said. At the same time, the U.S. could substantially increase its own strategic forces because it was at present well below the agreed ceiling.

Arafat leaves Iran

TEHRAN (UPI) — PLO leader Yasser Arafat left Iran yesterday after four days of talks with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan and other officials. Arafat's visit was seen as a sign of improved relations between the PLO and the Iranian government.

U.S. delegates walk out of building convention in disgust

By LYNDA GOLDMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV — Frustration and disillusionment drove several American representatives from participating in panel discussions held yesterday as part of the International Convention on Building at the Hilton Hotel. One of the delegates, Stanley Orlove, blamed Israeli avoidance of social aspects of housing as the reason for the walkout.

"We came here to offer our expertise in building and construction," said Orlove, of Baltimore, Maryland, "and we find that the people we contribute so much money to, through the UJA, do not have basic environmental standards." The convention, which is being sponsored by the Federation of Contractors and Builders in Israel and the National Association of Home Builders in the U.S., is holding special panel discussions on

problems of the building industry here. Orlove, who also expressed his disappointment at the way the convention was organized, told The Jerusalem Post that the builders who came here from abroad don't care about the commercial and office building being done in the country. He feels that the emphasis should be on housing and not profits. The American builder feels that members of the association have

social obligations and should not concentrate so much on profit. Voicing his discontent to one of the Project Renewal representatives attending the discussions, Orlove stated that the American builders who contribute money to the UJA want to see results. They want to take an active part in providing people here with a decent roof over their heads. The representative admitted to Orlove that although there are

political problems regarding the implementation of Project Renewal here in Israel, where various ministries are involved, the government is trying to straighten them out. Orlove told The Post that he will be meeting with Mordechai Paldi, director general of the Association of Builders and Contractors in Israel, and other officials of the Association in a closed meeting to identify the building problems in this country.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A cultural centre was dedicated yesterday at Hadassah-Neurim, the largest Youth Ahva village in Israel, serving 1,000 children. The ceremony was attended by representatives of Youth Ahva committees in Great Britain, Holland, Luxembourg, Italy, France and Sweden.

Danish Ambassador Ole Koch will speak in English on "The Common Market, Denmark and Israel" at the Halfa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, 1 p.m. today.

The Israel-France Friendship League invites the public to a lecture by Rabbi Josy Eisenberg of Paris, on "Francophonie, Francophobie Histoire d'un voyage," tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the Keren Hayesod Hall, 48 Rehov King George, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Dina Dyckman, honorary president of American Mizrahi Women, on business. Manuel Batschav, executive vice-president of the Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal, for consultations at the world office of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem.

Goldenberg wins bar election

Jerusalem Post Reporter More than 4,000 lawyers voted yesterday for Amnon Goldenberg as head of the Israel Bar Association for the next four years.

David Rotlevi was elected chairman of the Tel Aviv district committee. Elisha Lankin of the Jerusalem district, Shimon Eyal of the Haifa district, and Gad Baratz of the Beersheva district.

The percentage voting in the current elections was the highest ever for elections to Bar Association posts, about 80 per cent.

Lawyers said the high turnout was explained by a stormy campaign, and by the good weather which held throughout the country.

TREASURY

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ago, sat quietly through the meeting, as did Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, who had proposed the move.

Some other Likud MKs differed with Flomlin, however. Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Yoram Aridor agreed that offenders be arrested, but asked why they should be given a prize for their deeds - taxation at a reduced rate. If there have been three previous laundring in the history of the state, he asked, why shouldn't the public expect a fifth same day as well?

Haim Corfu supported laundring if strict sanctions were adopted against those who continued to evade taxes, and Pessah Grupper said that the people trust the government, and that it is necessary and good to laundring black capital.

After the laundring, fear moved to be instilled into tax evaders through television broadcasts, Kaufman proposed. They must be told that this will be their last chance.

Yigal Cohen-Orgad, however, said that means of intimidating would-be offenders, and of collecting taxes, must first be improved. Under the present system, he suggested, only a small part of the money will surface.

But Cecilia Cohen asked why someone who has not declared income so far should be expected to do so now. The laundring idea, like the proposed peace agreement with Egypt, is immoral, she argued.

HOME NEWS

Comparable U.S. and German tanks not yet in service

Merkava a bargain tank, says Tal

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent The locally produced Merkava tank costs considerably less than the German Leopard II, and the MX-1, both tanks with a comparable performance level. This was revealed by Aluf (res.) Yisrael Tal during a visit yesterday to the Merkava production line by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and members of the press. Tal said that the figures given include all the research and development carried out to date.

Imported entirely from abroad. The remainder are foreign components which are assembled in Israel. Tal pointed out yesterday that the development time spent on the Merkava was significantly less than that spent by both the Germans and the Americans on their next generation tanks. The Merkava is already deployed with Israeli units. Both the Leopard II and the MX-1 took 13 years to develop and neither has yet gone into active service.

costs. On both these counts, he said, the Merkava falls well within established limits. The defence minister added that some 100 factories in Israel, employing over 3,000 people were involved in building the tanks, and that this alone was a considerable achievement. That, plus the fact that the tank is being built here more cheaply than an equivalent that could be purchased from abroad, made the contribution doubly commendable, he said.

Religious opposition forced me to scrap Eilat casino plan - Mizrahi

By YOM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. - Hoteller Bezalel Mizrahi, testifying in his libel suit against "Ha'aretz," told the court yesterday how he scrapped plans to establish a casino in Eilat because of religious opposition. Mizrahi is suing "Ha'aretz" and crime reporter Avi Valentine for alleging in a series of articles by Valentine that he is linked with organized crime.

and objected. So the whole project was cancelled. Yesterday's session began with a heated argument between opposing counsel over publication of Monday's Knesset statements by MK Ehud Olmert about matters connected with the trial. Lawyer Ram Caspi, representing Mizrahi, asked Judge Shulamit Wallenstein to mention the publication because the statements were damaging to Mizrahi. Caspi also said Wallenstein herself had forbidden publishing Olmert's Knesset statement.

ing the trial. Yesterday Mizrahi was asked if he remembers meeting Rahamim Aharoni and Tuviya Oshri in a Tel Aviv cafe in August 1977. Mizrahi said, "I don't remember because I had many meetings in that cafe." (The conversation on that occasion was recorded by a police officer. Mizrahi went on to say that before the trial he didn't know "white" meant heroin. "I wasn't interested in the subject. I never sat and talked of drugs. When police officer Bulkin appeared in court and said that the conversation in the cafe referred to drugs, I was in a state of shock. How can anyone say of me that I was talking about drugs?"

Labour front heats up

Nat'l Insurance staff to walk out

Jerusalem Post Staff National Insurance Institute workers are to strike tomorrow, and the engineers are continuing their selective strikes while preparing "intensified industrial action" over wages and dissatisfaction with the Histadrut. Pharmacists in public health have also declared a labour dispute.

increase have still to be determined. Bach asked Civil Service Commission officials yesterday to produce the data on which they based the claim that the Institute staff was getting 40 per cent more than the framework agreement allows.

wages and working conditions, while the number of pharmacists ready for retirement is growing larger. The druggists have not yet set a strike date, and say they will try their best not to cause suffering to patients.

National Insurance Institute workers are to stage a one-day strike tomorrow to express their anger at the government's intention to cancel their wage agreement, signed by the Institute management and its works committee.

The Central Committee of the Engineers Union will meet in Tel Aviv this afternoon to discuss two issues: withdrawal of the union from the Histadrut and plans for more serious strike action.

The country's 7,000 junior and senior university lecturers yesterday called off their sanctions and returned to regular work. The lecturers are claiming an 80 per cent wage increase, arguing that their salaries have over the past few years suffered a massive erosion in comparison with other academically trained groups.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz told the Jerusalem Post yesterday that a detailed study of the agreement, carried out by the Institute, showed that the increase proposed was 14 to 17 per cent more than the government's agreement ceiling, not 40 per cent, as Treasury sources had claimed to the press.

It is not known what action is being planned to increase the strike pressure, but apparently strikes will last for more than 24 hours and will encompass larger groups of engineers at one time. Today, continuing the selective strike policy, several hundred engineers in Histadrut plants will strike for 24 hours.

Pharmacists in public health institutions have declared a labour dispute, saying the rises offered them would put them on the lowest rung of the health professionals' salary ladder. They claim young pharmacists refuse to enter the public health field because of the poor

More arrests in army duty protest

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. - The battle for equal national service gathered momentum yesterday when 100 people from all over the country joined the demonstration outside the Defence Ministry here to protest the arrest of Assia Hasson and Anat Fuchs for refusing to report for army reserve duty.

Within a few days, they will meet a senior army officer to discuss their future service in the army. The demonstration was organized by the Movement for Equal Service, which is fighting the present national service law, which enables women to obtain exemptions, on declaration that they come from religious homes. The Movement is demanding a law of compulsory national service for all, within which religious women could serve in other than military ways.

imprisoned women reservists. The three Imri Ron (Alignment Mapam), Shulamit Aloni (CFM) and Meir Pa'il (Sheli) said that Weizman even refused to talk to them personally about their request.

The first demonstrators arrived at the Defence Ministry at 1 a.m. on Tuesday with Assia Hasson, who decided to turn herself in after military policemen had been sent to arrest her on Monday morning and returned empty handed. Assia's friends, parents and supporters accompanied her to Military Police Headquarters in the Kirya and scores of them remained there for the night.

Aloni told The Post yesterday she will propose a law in the Knesset today for alternative national service. She will also demand to relieve the burden of national service from one group of women until the law is amended, to ensure equality without religious discrimination.

N'amat, the women's labour network, is sending a delegation to Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir today to appeal for his intercession.

Yesterday morning found the demonstrators well entrenched in tents and sleeping bags, with makeshift kitchen utensils, determined to stay "until Assia and Anat are released."

In a statement to the press, the Defence Ministry's spokesman noted the Ministry's intent to investigate declarations of religious consciousness by women intending to avoid army service, by "various means."

The statement also said that recently a number of files were passed to the police regarding women suspected of having given false declarations to obtain exemption from their army service. The Defence Ministry is investigating those files, the statement said.

During the day the organizers of the demonstration received reports of three other women in similar situations, who had or were about to turn themselves in. Hasson's parents told The Jerusalem Post. Some of those women called MK Shulamit Aloni's office, according to Aloni's secretary.

Another young woman who refused her reserve call-up papers surrendered herself to the military police at the Kirya in Tel Aviv yesterday. Rina Levi, 22, was accompanied by about 50 supporters carrying placards protesting the call-up exemption for religious women.

Others nominated for best actress were: Ellen Burstyn, for "Same Time, Next Year," which tells of a love affair of a couple who meet only once a year; Jill Clayburgh, for her role as a woman in the throes of divorce in "An Unmarried Woman"; Jane Fonda, who plays the wife of a serviceman in "Coming Home"; and Geraldine Page for "Interiors," a serious Woody Allen film about the problems of a middle-aged couple.

Later yesterday afternoon, Hasson and Fuchs were released, having been tried and sentenced to 14 day sentences, suspended for half a year, for being absent from service.

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Nominees announced for 'Oscar' awards

LOS ANGELES (Reuter). - A grim film about Vietnam and a comedy about a man mistakenly sent to heaven received nine nominations each for Hollywood "Oscars" yesterday.

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Uri Blau, the leader of Natorei Karta in Jerusalem, is ushered into the Jerusalem Magistrates Court by a court official yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Roads to Ramot closed by local residents

Jerusalem Post Staff Residents of Ramot blockaded roads to their community yesterday morning for more than an hour to protest police handling of the Sabbath demonstrations on the new Ramot road by religious elements.

Ramat residents to meet with him. Meanwhile, Rabbi Uri Blau, leader of the Natorei Karta ultra-orthodox sect and five of his followers appeared in Jerusalem Magistrates Court yesterday charged with disturbing the peace and with stone-throwing on the Ramot road.

The blockade was organized by the local Neighbourhood Committee at 6 a.m. and neither cars nor buses carrying people to work were able to leave until the roads were reopened by the police at 8 a.m. No arrests were made.

The accused would not recognize the authority of an Israeli court to judge them and refused to cooperate with the judge or prosecutor. Rabbi Blau also refused to sign an undertaking not to disturb the peace on the Sabbath. Eventually the undertaking was signed by one of the Rabbi's followers.

Olmert move may speed limits on MK immunity

Post Knesset Reporter Plans to amend the Knesset Members Immunity Law by reducing some of the privileges which MKs have voted themselves over the years may be speeded as a result of this week's debate on organized crime.

proposes new legislation on MK immunity. Tamir has said that he is considering such legislation.

When Ehud Olmert (Likud-La'am) on Monday discussed a document declared by the judge in a libel case against him to be privileged, he angered opposition MKs and lost the sympathy of many Likud members as well.

Acting Attorney-General Gavriel Bach said yesterday that as the law now stands, an MK's speeches in the house enjoy absolute immunity, and even if he wished to waive it he could not. It was for this reason that Tamir had called Olmert's act an abuse of his privilege.

Knesset speaker Yitzhak Shamir said he believed Olmert had acted improperly, and said he will issue a statement after studying the Knesset record.

Called by The Jerusalem Post on the issue, Olmert said he would support any move to limit MK immunity, including restrictions on what members are allowed to say in the plenum.

Flatto hands out IL5 notes

By ASHER WALLFISH Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter The richest man in the Knesset, Samuel Flatto Sharon, voted with his billfold yesterday.

returned the bills. One, Akiva Nof (DM) even filed a formal complaint with the Speaker. Many complained that the idea was vulgar and offensive.

He doled out a few hundred lira worth of IL5 notes to his colleagues to underline his point that inflation was eroding the value of the currency at an alarming rate. He also wanted to explain why he was voting no-confidence in the government. (See page 3.)

Flatto Sharon's explanation was, moreover, the opposite of what he intended. He wrote that if the MKs sent him back IL2.50 this would prove the Treasury's policy to be calamitous. If they sent him back more than IL5, this would prove the Treasury had embarked on a wise economic policy.

Flatto handed the IL5 notes to letters to his colleagues and told them to buy something with the IL5, then sell it in a year's time, and send him the cash proceeds.

However, any article purchased today which would fetch more if sold back in 12 months would testify to inflation, not to an improved economic policy.

LEADERS ARRIVE

(Continued from page one) remove the final stumbling blocks. Carter has said several times during the past few days that he might participate "briefly" during the first round of ministerial negotiations later this week and early next. But no word has yet been announced regarding the exact timing.

mil. Unlike then, there will be no press centre at Thurmont, Maryland, this time. Any press briefings or statements will be made here in Washington at the State Department. The spokesman for the Near East affairs bureau, George Sherman, will be at Camp David to report to Hodding Carter on any details to be released to the news media. But officials stressed that such information will be "minimal."

In his speech in Atlanta, the president noted that the U.S. is "intensifying our efforts to promote stability throughout the Middle East, so that the security and independence of the nations of that part of the world will be maintained."

Officials here believe that the much publicity during the Blair House negotiations damaged prospects for an earlier resolution of the issues.

"At my direction," he continued, "the secretary of defence (Harold Brown) recently carried out comprehensive consultations in Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia concerning the security of the region. We are determined to work with these nations and others to put the peaceful development of the region on a sound and lasting foundation."

"I think the essential positions and problems are well-known," said spokesman Carter yesterday. "I think we will discuss our joint interest in resolving the problems."

"I urge all leaders in the Middle East to recognize the vital importance for the region that these talks succeed. For us in the United States, any crisis in the Middle East has the most immediate and serious consequences."

He sought to stress that the possibility of another three-way summit involving Carter, Begin and Sadat, was more of a last resort than a foregone conclusion. He insisted that the U.S. hope was still to see all the remaining issues resolved during the coming ministerial-level negotiations.

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11 airport porters face charges of diamond theft

By YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter Eleven porters at Ben Gurion port are due to be charged with the theft of millions of worth of diamonds. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday from senior source in the district attorney's office.

The diamond theft involving the disappearance of a billion pounds worth of diamonds in the past year, caused a major in the local diamond trade. It became known that the porters arrested members of the Diamond Exchange on suspicion of involvement in the thefts.

The Post also learned that will be brought today against dealer in stolen goods who arrested three weeks ago in connection of 11,000 worth of diamonds. During the next few days he will also be brought against porters and diamond dealers.

At a meeting between the Minister Yosef Burg and police officers yesterday, it was revealed that some 100 diamonds were found in the possession of the exchange manager arrested, intelligence reports. Burg's letter to Diamond Exchange president Moshe Schmitzer in which states that the police have not got to the bottom of thefts to value of 11,000 and are investigating the source of the 11,400m. worth of gems.

Schmitzer responded by asking that the exchange, immediately ask the Knesset Interior Committee to conduct an in-depth investigation of the diamond theft. He said the committee would be able to compare the data of the dealers and insurance companies with those publicized by the Schmitzer claims that the information is not accurate and is fair to the diamond trade as a

Hebrew U. 'Peace Day' peaceful

By BENNY MOROS Jerusalem Post Reporter "Israel-Palestine Peace Day" called by the left-wing group and by the Arab Students Committee, passed uneventfully today at the Hebrew University.

A lecture on Arab history and public addresses by Dr. Yehuda Peled and Rakhim MK were passed off without the usual interruption by right-wing groups. The main speaker was Raymond A. Tanzi, a peace activist, in a lecture which appeared at the end of the day. He called upon students in Israel to make common cause with moderates among the Palestinians and in the PLO.

Earlier in the day, student leaders of student factions aimed at restoring calm. Hebrew Campus representatives and MK Uri Avneri would be again to address students at the Auditorium within a few days. Address by Avneri was stopped by a section of the audience and by the intervention of a welding policeman.

Harman also met with Kahane, who last week published Harman's "arabbi" in the Israeli campus intelligence agency's weekly journal "The Jewish Frontiers."

Late in the day, student chairman of the Hebrew University Student Union, was ousted by rightists on the Union's Council. Supporters of the Union, who viewed Schmitzer's moderate, forced his resignation, apparently replacing him with Schmuel Slavin, a Council member.

Levinger eyes land near Kiryat Arba Jerusalem Post Reporter Aluf Danny Matt, the director of activities for the administered territories, has made his first visit to Kiryat Arba. Local administration official Moshe Levinger and Elisha Ben-Nuri told him there is an urgent need to appropriate Arab land near the town in order to add military units to the settlement. He explained that the stock of land is rapidly diminishing and that fear that the government is intent on the expropriation of the owned land.

Matt toured the area and to look into the matter. Showers in North drought still feared Jerusalem Post Reporter NABERIAVA - Southern farmers still complained of a meagre amount of rain to fall this winter. They are in danger of drought this year, particularly in the area around Beit She'an.

HADASSAH GLASSMAN

The funeral took place on February 20, 1979 at Hercul. Zeev "Willy" Glassman, Doris and Carl Albeck and Haim and Betty Glassman and David and Rivka Glassman.

הקדמת השבוע

Knesset OKs funds for convict's dialysis unit

By SHLOMO MAOZ and DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporters
Knesset Finance Committee yesterday authorized IL300,000 for a dialysis machine already being used at the Ramle Prison.

although recently there were three prisoners suffering from kidney disease. Cohen, in his 30s, suffers from acute kidney failure and had been receiving treatment three times a week at nearby Assaf Harofe Hospital. However, he claimed the travelling endangered his health, and asked to remain permanently at the hospital.

Police held for aiding inmate escapees

AVIV (Itim). — Police have held a Tel Aviv man and woman charged with aiding the escape of a convict from Ramle Prison last week.

Flem electric company negotiating give up service to Jewish areas

Jerusalem Post Reporter
East Jerusalem electric company conducting negotiations to lease a significant portion of its power to the Jewish areas.

President dedicates new Negev moshav

By HARRY WALL Jerusalem Post Reporter
SHEBA. — "The way the IDF sees itself in the Negev could be a blessing or a curse for future generations," declared President Navon yesterday at the dedication of Asholim, a new moshav in the central Negev.

Urges French to raise issue Middle East in UN Security Council

(Reuters). — The Palestine Liberation Organization is pressing to seek an early meeting of the Security Council to take up the East problem and assert Palestinian people's case, Arab leaders said yesterday.

Blasphemies said tortured in Ethiopia

Post Knesset Reporter
Falasha teachers who are being tortured and killed in Ethiopia, the Absorption Committee said yesterday from a recent visit.

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Prime Minister Begin meets representatives of the Yamit area settlers in his bureau yesterday.

Begin promises to visit Yamit, explain stand

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday promised to visit the Yamit area to defend the Knesset decision to uproot the settlements there.

30th year festivities called 'great success'

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter
The director of Israel's 30th anniversary events yesterday officially declared the celebrations ended, claiming that they were "overwhelmingly successful."

Herut Loyalists set to meet tonight

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Herut loyalists meeting tonight will demand "either a change of policy or a change of the politicians responsible for that policy," according to the faction's leader MK Geula Cohen.

Herzlians demand telephones now

By MICHAL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter
HERZLIYA. — Some 30 angry Herzliya residents gathered yesterday afternoon outside the home of Communications Minister Yitzhak Moda'i here to protest the delay in installing telephones in the Herzliya area.

Bombs in Jerusalem, Petah Tikva

A small explosive charge went off at 7 a.m. yesterday in Jerusalem's Hebron Road, causing light damage to the entrance of a block of flats. A child in one of the flats suffered mild shock, police said.

Coalition beats no-confidence motions, says inflation not fault of government

Post Knesset Reporter
The coalition yesterday defeated three no-confidence motions by a vote of 89 to 48. The motions were all based on the subject of inflation.

Knesset marks UN Year of the Child

Post Knesset Reporter
The International Year of the Child, as proclaimed by the UN General Assembly, was marked in the Knesset yesterday by four motions on the agenda on the needs of children, and by a statement by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer.

Top juniors add flavour to Tennis Centre meeting

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT HASHARON. — Four of the Israel Tennis Centre's top juniors are accompanying its executive director Ian Froman to California this week to add an "Israeli" flavour to the centre's annual general meeting at the Palm Springs Tennis Club.

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Soviets assert U.S. behind China attack

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union yesterday charged that the U.S. may have encouraged China's attack on Vietnam and denounced Washington's comments on the crisis as hypocritical.

"The official Communist Party daily 'Pravda,' in an editorial authored at higher levels of government, said:

"The timing of the incursion into Vietnam was determined by the position taken by some Western powers and Japan. During Teng Hsiao-ping's recent trip to Washington and Tokyo he bluntly revealed plans to teach Vietnam a bloody lesson.

"In talks with some of his American friends, Teng, as is asserted, went even further and divulged details of these plans.

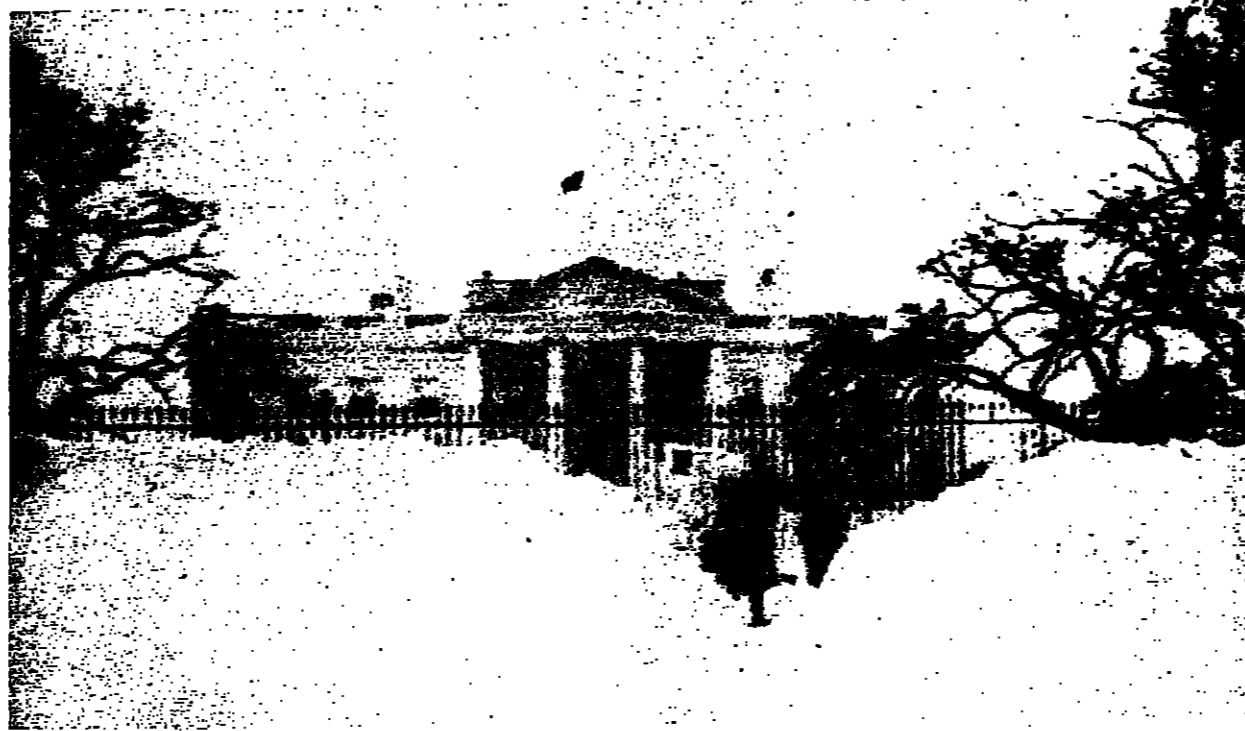
"It is not ruled out that (his) American friends — and this is how he calls them now — answered with frankness to frankness.

"There are those among these friends who would like to teach Vietnam a lesson and belatedly punish the Vietnamese for the ignominious defeat sustained by the American military in Vietnam," "Pravda" said.

In a statement issued in Bangkok, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations yesterday called for a ceasefire and withdrawal of "all foreign forces" from "all areas of conflict in Indochina."

Afghanistan has also called for "immediate withdrawal" of Chinese troops from Vietnam. In a government statement, the pro-Soviet leftist nation expressed "full backing" for Vietnam in the face of China's "armed aggression."

In Nicosia, about 500 Greek Cypriot leftists demonstrated yesterday outside the Chinese embassy to protest the Chinese invasion of Vietnam. (UPI, AP)



WHITE WHITE HOUSE — Snow piles up in front of the White House Monday as a record snowfall blankets the Washington area. But despite the low temperatures and drifting snow, a lone picket maintains his vigil on the partially cleared sidewalk. The protester is seen talking to a police officer. (AP radiophoto)

World's biggest bankrupt offers 17, 398-year deal

LONDON (UPI). — William G. Stern is a 42-year-old American with a toothbrush moustache and personal debts of \$299m.

He was in court this week for a bankruptcy hearing in which he has admitted he owes \$208,780,496, give or take a few thousand for exchange rate changes. He is the biggest bankrupt in the world.

Stern has offered to pay off his debts at \$12,000 a year. At that rate it would take 17,398 years.

Stern is the most spectacular victim of the British property market's collapse in 1974. He borrowed all these millions on behalf of the 350 companies he once controlled, but signed personal guarantees to repay every penny.

"Had I not given my personal guarantee," he told a team of "Observer" reporters, "I could have built up the group and then, when things looked like turning sour, sold the shares, walked out and gone to the Bahamas."

Instead his Wistar Group holding company went into liquidation and the liquidator was Sir Kenneth Cork, now the lord mayor of London — and Stern filed for bankruptcy, insolvent on an astronomical scale.

Born in Hungary and educated in Switzerland, he became an American citizen in 1957 and graduated in law from Harvard. In 1960 he married the daughter of an English property tycoon, moved into the Zella-Royce had to go, but he turns up at bankruptcy hearings in a Jaguar.

Stern still earns about \$50,000 a year as a consultant. "My knowledge and know-how have not gone into liquidation," he said.

Belfast 'street butchers' jailed after 19 killings

BELFAST (Reuter). — A gang of Northern Ireland Protestants who hacked, shot or beat to death 19 people in Belfast were sent to jail yesterday for long terms. They specialized in the ambush of lone Roman Catholics as they walked home through the darkened streets.

The judge who sentenced them said: "The facts speak for themselves and will remain forever a monument to blind sectarian bigotry."

The killers, nicknamed "the Shankill Butchers" after the area of Belfast in which they operated, often with butchers knives, provided one of the most terrifying episodes in the troubles which have racked Northern Ireland for the past 10 years.

Some of them belonged to an outlawed Protestant extremist organization which called itself the Ulster Volunteer Force. Their murders were sometimes in retaliation for operations by Irish Republican terrorists fighting against British rule in the province.

The court was told that the gang of 11 men exercised its reign of terror in Belfast between November 1975 and March 1977. Eight of them were given life sentences on murder charges, and three were jailed for long periods.

William Moore, 30, dominant figure in the gang, was given 14 life sentences for 11 murders and three attempted murders, and was also sentenced to a further total of 167 years on charges of kidnapping, conspiracy to murder, membership in the Ulster Volunteer Force, and other charges.

The killers were unmasked when their intended 20th victim, left for dead in the street after being shot, cut and beaten, recovered from his wounds and identified two of his assailants.

Gunmen attack U.S. official in Turkey

ANKARA (AP). — Unidentified gunmen opened fire at the apartment of an American official attached to the southeast NATO headquarters in the Aegean port city of Izmir on Monday night, the semi-official Anatolia agency reported yesterday. No one was hurt in the shooting, the agency said.

The agency said the car of another American official in Izmir was set on fire.

According to Turkish press reports, at least 21 explosions were reported from various provincial capitals on Monday night.

Booby-trapped posters were put up on the walls in Istanbul, and two policemen were injured when they attempted to take them down, papers said.

The bombing wave was believed to have been perpetrated by extreme leftist groups to honour a comrade, Ulas Bardakci, who was killed seven years ago by security forces, on the anniversary of his death, official sources said.

A former branch chairman of the ultra-rightist National Movement Party, Erdogan Hancerioglu, was fatally shot by unidentified gunmen in an Istanbul suburb on Monday night. In the southern city of Adana a student was slain and two were wounded on Monday night, the state radio reported.

Guerrillas fire mortars at Salisbury airport

SALISBURY (Reuter). — Black nationalist guerrillas blasted Salisbury International Airport with mortar fire late Monday night but caused no casualties or damage, military headquarters announced yesterday.

Informed sources said the guerrillas, in their third attack on a major economic installation at the capital in two months, lobbed about 12 shells at the airport at 11 p.m. A security force spokesman said the mortars are believed to have been aimed at the civilian section of the airport. A large Rhodesia air force base lies across the main runway from the international and domestic buildings.

This was the first time in the six-year-old war that the airport has been attacked.

The guerrillas, under cover of heavy rain, evidently approached to within 1.5 km. of the passenger complex and fired from close to the end of the main runway, airport sources said.

Airport sources said the terminal buildings were practically deserted when the firing began.

About 50 foreign relatives of victims of last week's Air Rhodesia Viscount crash yesterday attended a memorial service at a Salisbury crematorium.

The plane, downed eight days ago by guerrilla missiles, carried 47 Britons, six Belgians, six Zimbabweans, one South African and one Swi. among its 69 passengers.

Another Air Rhodesia plane, flown to avoid missiles, has been hit by guerrilla rifle fire. But there were no casualties in this incident.

Guerrillas have attacked major installations in Salisbury — a fuel storage depot, main power station and now the airport.

The lower house of the white-dominated parliament yesterday passed a resolution to hold a referendum on the constitution. Prime Minister Smith and other local black leaders as part of an "internal" majority rule agreement.

The constitution, which provides for whites to retain extensive influence in the control of the country, is to go to the senate, which is expected to be approved in coming days.

Parliamentary approval of the constitution paves the way for Rhodesia's first universal election to be held in April as part of the internal accord.

But the Patriotic Front, an alliance, rejecting the agreement, a sellout, has vowed to wreck election.

Shah's crew steals his jet

TEHERAN (AP). — The jetliner in which Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi fled Iran last month was stolen by his crew of 17 and flown back to Teheran from Morocco yesterday, a spokesman for the new revolutionary government confirmed.

According to the Tehran evening daily "Kayhan," the crew of the royal jet had taken off ostensibly on a test flight, but once in the air, headed for Teheran. After landing at Teheran's Mehrabad Airport, the jet's crew was escorted to the headquarters of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The shah was at the controls of the royal jetliner when it took off from Teheran on January 19 and headed toward Aswan, Egypt, the first stop on what was then billed as a "vacation" to permit the political situation in the country to cool down in his absence.

From Egypt, the royal jet went on to Morocco as guests of Hassan, and is at present staying in Rabat.

Only a handful of servants, bodyguards reportedly remain in the shah in Morocco, and some of them are said to be hoping to return to Iran. Moroccan troops reportedly are providing protection for shah.

Iran's Foreign Ministry yesterday sent a message to King Hassan of Morocco saying "We will continue our efforts for extradition (of shah) and will force him into a situation in which he can go only to Johannesburg or Tel Aviv."

The shah's father, Reza Shah, is in exile in South Africa.

Bonn spy suspect on bail

MUNICH (AP). — A well-connected Bavarian state parliament deputy suspected of spying for East Germany was released from custody yesterday on 300,000 marks (about \$131,000) bail.

Dr. Friedrich Cremer, a physician and member of the opposition Social Democratic Party, was released from Munich's Stadelheim Prison, where he was jailed three weeks after the state parliament voted to lift his immunity from prosecution, an SPD spokesman said.

Cremer was arrested on January 30 in connection with a nationwide roundup of alleged Communist agents named by a defector from the East German state security agency.

The defector, Werner Hill reportedly recognized East German agents together with Cremer at a secret meeting last summer in Stockholm.

Cremer, who was chairman of SPD's federal health-care committee with close connections to leaders in Bonn, denied spying for East Germany and appealed to supreme court for release.

The court said the high bail is sufficient guarantee that he will not flee, despite a warning from federal prosecutor.

Twelve persons suspected of dueling economic, political and military espionage for East Germany may have been picked up by Hill's defection in mid-January.

Cease-fire ends Chad strife

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP). — The streets were quiet here yesterday, eight days after the outbreak of savage fighting between the forces of President Felix Malloum and Premier Hissein Habre, and 24 hours after the signing of a formal cease-fire.

Loudspeaker trucks circulated through this capital of 400,000 residents on Monday, announcing the "immediate and permanent application" of the cease-fire signed between Malloum's regular army forces and the prime minister's "army of the north."

The agreement, signed in the presence of the Indonesian conciliation mission and the commander of the French military forces in Chad, will remain in force "until a global solution, acceptable to all the parties concerned is found on the question of national reconciliation."

The cease-fire requires the feuding factions to remain in the positions they occupied at the end of the fighting and prohibits any movement to reinforce those positions.

Hundreds were reported killed in last week's intense fighting in the capital and in the northern part of the country. The exact death toll is not known. About 1,100 were killed, mostly French, were airlifted to this sub-Saharan African nation.

Habre, a former guerrilla leader in Chad, predominantly from the north and Malloum, from the south, are both animist, but have odds over government policy.

Habre became prime minister in August under a new national constitution.

At that time, Habre broke with the north and brought a small force of his guerrilla faction to N'Djamena. Those forces were under his personal command.

In Paris, the Foreign Ministry yesterday said the 2,000-man military contingent in Chad provide logistic support for the truce.

French army bulldozers helped to dig mass graves for hundreds of Chad civilians killed during the fighting in the capital. French citizens have died in the clashes.

Mexican peasants hamper oil output

MEXICO CITY (UPI). — Peasants have set up blockades on roads leading to rich oilfields in southeastern Mexico in an action which may spread to other crude oil producing areas, officials said on Monday.

Spokesmen for the state oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos, said the peasants also cordoned off six oil wells in the state of Tabasco, off the Gulf of Mexico.

The protests, which began early this year, have been limited to Tabasco state, but have already prevented PEMEX from producing 740,000 barrels of crude with an estimated value of \$11m., officials said.

Tabasco state governor Leandro Rovirosa Wade said the so-called agitators are attorneys who are handling the peasants' complaints on land takeovers and indemnification.

Duke dies in N. Ireland

BELFAST (Reuter). — The Duke of Westminster, head of one of Britain's richest families, died at his home in Northern Ireland on Monday. He was 68.

He once controlled a £1b. estate, which includes large areas of the exclusive Mayfair and Belgravia districts of London, but several years ago handed over control of most of the estate to his son, 27-year-old Earl Grosvenor, who succeeds to the title.

U.S. sailors held after Maldive chief shot

HONGKONG (AP). — Three Americans were detained after a Maldive island government official was shot while trying to carry out port clearance formalities on board the oceanographic survey ship, a U.S. embassy spokesman in Sri Lanka said.

In a telephone interview, the embassy spokesman discounted initial reports from amateur radio operators that about 300 Maldive island pirates armed with axes and handgrips had boarded the ship in the Indian Ocean, kidnapped a crewman and looted the vessel.

"There are no pirates in the Maldives and contrary to some radio accounts, the vessel is in no danger," the spokesman said.

The Panamanian-registered Alyse Maru sailed into one of the northern atolls of the Maldives, an independent republic of 1,087 islands southwest of India, on Saturday morning without prior radio clearance to enter the harbour, the spokesman said.

The atoll chief, the highest ranking civil servant in the area, boarded the vessel to carry out clearance procedures "and there was some kind of altercation," the spokesman said.

"Someone on the ship shot the atoll chief," the spokesman said. "He was not seriously wounded. We do not know what caused the incident."

Other diplomatic sources said the incident began when the atoll chief ordered the liquor and ammunition aboard the vessel sealed. The member crew refused to do so, and the spokesman said that "the crew members were brought by launch to the atoll for questioning and were expected to arrive late yesterday day."

Texan says he financed Iran prison break

DALLAS (AP). — Millionaire H. Ross Perot said Monday that an American-led commando squad he financed was behind a mob assault on an Iranian prison that freed thousands of inmates, including two of his employees.

The computer magnate said he funneled an unspecified amount of money to Iranian revolutionaries who incited a mob to storm Teheran's Gasr Prison on February 11, the day the government of Prime Minister Shapur Bakhtiar fell to the forces of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Perot said the commandos were not participants in the prison break, and their role after paying those who incited the mob was to escort the employees out of the country.

William Gaylord and Schiappone, both 39, engineers for Perot's Dallas-based Electronic Data Systems Inc., had been jailed for seven weeks, apparently in connection with allegations of official corruption involving a contract won by Perot's computer firm.

Perot's statements could not immediately be independently confirmed.

Speaking at a news conference, Perot said the escape plan was activated only after he failed to negotiate a \$12.75m. "ransom" that he said had been demanded by the Iranian government.

"Our first preference was to pay the ransom, but our efforts to pay it failed because the banking system in Iran collapsed," Perot said.

The State Department said only that it knew of the escape and that it had no way of knowing where the captives were taken.

Iran at one time and then held them not there now.

After fleeing the prison, the men met the commandos at a hotel about 10 kilometers from the prison. The commandos were covering 750 kilometers in 10 days, Perot said. He would not say how the men travelled or how they crossed the border.

Perot, who gained prominence in 1989 when he attempted to buy the principlands of supplies for the held prisoners in the Gasr Prison, his team arrived in Dallas on a night on a commercial flight.

London.

Perot said the commandos were brought by retired army officers, "Bull" Simon, the spokesman said, an unsuccessful attempt to get an American prisoner out of the camp near Meant in 1977.

No casualties reported in Japanese tremor

TOKYO (UPI). — An earthquake of moderate strength shook northern Japan yesterday, but there were no reports of damage or injuries.

The meteorological agency put the tremor's strength at 6.7 to 6.8 on the open-ended Richter scale.

The real thing comes to Peking

PEKING (Reuter). — Coca-Cola has gone on sale in Peking — but few Chinese will drink it.

Only dollars or French francs can buy the soft drink at the Peking Hotel, where China's first consignment from Hongkong is on sale. The price at the bar: \$1 a can.

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GWYNNE DYER reports on the harsh realities of Bangladesh.

STAVING OFF DISASTER

LONDON. — Three years of good harvests and a tough but honest military dictator have done wonders for Bangladesh. The country that Henry Kissinger once called "an international basket case" last year grew only a little over a million tons of rice less than it needs to feed itself. The political situation has so stabilized that President Zia Rahman called parliamentary elections and on Tuesday the poll gave his Nationalist Party more than two-thirds of the seats in Parliament.

So much for the good news. What it means in practice, however, is simply that most people are getting as much to eat as they expect (two-thirds suffer from vitamin and protein deficiency), and that none of the 14 attempted coups within the army over the past three years has succeeded.

Moreover, most of the good news is temporary. Harvests are not always good, and coups don't always fail. Nor is President Zia really hurrying the 82 million Bengalis back into the delights and dangers of truly democratic politics.

When Gen. Zia rescued the country from chaos after the assassination in August 1975 of the hopelessly corrupt and tyrannical President Sheikh Mujib — once glorified as the "father of independence," but now rarely mentioned — he was acting as a simple soldier. After three years of power, he is still honest and direct, but no longer simple. He wants to stay, and the elections were meant to consolidate his rule.

Fourteen attempted coups would be enough to convince any man that the army does not constitute the



most stable power-base imaginable. The Bangladesh army's officer corps is split into a number of bitterly hostile factions. The rank and file has been heavily infiltrated by the banned National Socialist Party, probably the most radical and ruthless revolutionary group in Asia.

Zia still sleeps in a military cantonment outside the capital for safety, instead of moving into the presidential palace, and it is easy to see why he might prefer a broader popular political base. He started trying to construct it by holding a presidential election last June, and winning over 80 per cent of the votes cast.

Last year Zia began building a personal political party, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, started mainly with his own advisers and associates. It has none of the grassroots organization that the older political parties have, and depends entirely on his personal popularity to attract votes.

Since Zia announced the parliamentary elections on 30 November, he had been whistle-stop campaigning at a furious pace.

IT WOULD HAVE made no difference whether he won a majority or not, because the only force in Bangladesh able to overthrow a ruling president, however he gained office, is the army. As long as Zia can control the army — and he has shown great skill and ruthlessness at it — he will survive. If he loses control, he will be out of power, and almost certainly dead.

The fact is that the poorest and most overcrowded country on earth, populated by one of the world's most uneducated peoples, cannot be governed as though it were Switzerland or Canada. Indeed there are those who seriously argue that the only thing saving Bangladesh from the most savage peasant revolt ever seen is the numbing lethargy brought about by mass malnutrition.

Bangladesh is a country that has passed beyond the reach of ordinary political systems and philosophies. They are as irrelevant in the face of Bangladesh's Malthusian nightmare as they would be in an earthquake. There is only one reality: 82 million people, almost all trying to make a living from agriculture, packed into an area the size of England and increasing at almost 3 per cent a year.

In the bright green, water-logged countryside, there are areas — totally devoted to intensive farming — where the population density approaches that of the more spacious

many foreigners think Japanese women are tied to the home, meekly obeying their husbands. The reality in modern Japan is quite different, reports *The Post's* KINUE WEINSTEIN.

NEW WOMAN in Japan has which often demands in- and which is often also and rewarding. Reports world now fill the pages of magazines, and ad- versaries are geared to her needs.

career woman" has replaced "office lady" — young woman who worked as a clerk until she married.

With a small number of women have always been active in arts and letters, and the emphasis now is on ordinary women to pursue after they get married and children.

the young Japanese woman, by the ideal of the "career



Getting golf lessons from a pro.

WHILE THERE IS an urgent need for more crèches and nurseries, it is also important, women activists claim, to change the prevailing attitude whereby children are considered to be the sole responsibility of women; "What employer would ask a male candidate at the time of the interview what he plans to do with his young children?" asks Masako Atsumi, a lawyer and chairperson of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Chiba Prefecture.

For the most career women, Atsumi believes that husbands and wives should share equally outside and inside the home. Working mothers, of course, usually enjoy the support of their husbands, but this does not necessarily signal approval of the aims of the feminist movement.

Bando notes that while her husband has been very understanding, the main reason is that he is convinced of her talents. Ordinary women, he believes, should stay at home.

Atsumi has been running her own law office in Chiba for 12 years. During that time she has witnessed many drop-outs among her colleagues when they have had children. Although there are 20,000 nurseries and kindergartens in Japan, these usually only take children over the age of three: "I've had to take my two children to court more than once," says Atsumi.

Bando also had difficulties when her only child was young. Because she had to commute a long distance to work and was expected to put in a good deal of overtime, she had to hire, at great expense, a nurse for three hours a day — in addition to leaving her child in a kindergarten for eight hours. "In these conditions," she says, "I'm scared to have another child."

At the same time, she feels that workers should be given assignments that can be completed in a normal working day. It is unfair to demand employees to devote themselves entirely to their work — and use that as an excuse for not hiring women.

BANDO NOTES that in such places as the government-run telephone company, where there have always been a large number of female workers, women receive paid maternity leave and are guaranteed the right to return to the same job for a year after childbirth. "There is no reason why these conditions can't be offered elsewhere," she says.

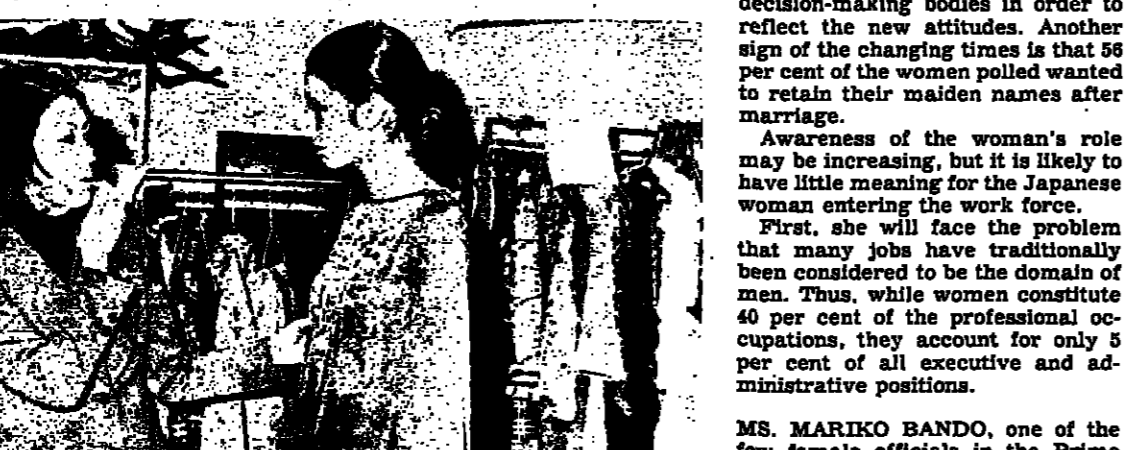
In fact, employers will protect women's rights only if they really need women workers. Ironically, one of the few organizations to provide nurseries for working mothers are the nightclubs — apparently because many of the hostesses, for whom there is always a demand — are divorcees with children. Indeed, Atsumi points out, this is one of the few places where divorcees can find work. Unless they can save enough money to open up their own business they will have great difficulty finding work outside nightclubs.

ATSUMI RECENTLY published a book on marriage and divorce in Japan, based on the cases she has handled over the past decade. Although the number of divorcees is rising, divorced women face severe social and economic pressures, for they have no place in Japanese society.

As a result, many women think twice before getting divorced. One woman I met, for instance, has been estranged from her husband for a number of years, but was reluctant to take the final step of divorce. Although her husband would be obligated by law to support their four-year-old daughter, she would not be able to maintain her present standard of living.

WOMEN'S QUEST for liberation in Japan also includes the right to abortion on demand. Echoing the belief of feminists throughout the world, Atsumi states that "a woman's body should be cared for by women themselves and not by the authorities."

About two million abortions are performed in Japan each year, but



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many problems as a result of living in a male-dominated society.

Few jobs in practice are opened on an equal basis for both sexes. And at most places of work, there are significant discrepancies in salary, advancement and retirement age. For example, Japanese women on average receive only 56 per cent of the salary paid to men, although labour laws guarantee equal pay for equal work.

This figure is similar to that in the U.S., where the average salary of women compared to men is 61 per cent, but it lags far behind Denmark, where women are paid 83 per cent of men's salary.

In addition, the relatively small number of crèches and nurseries in

gains. But the majority of Japanese women do not yet seem ready to join in the fight.

IF THE ATTITUDES among Japan's elite are any indication, however, the division of responsibility — women at home and men at work — is no longer universally accepted.

According to an opinion poll conducted recently by the Prime Minister's Office among men and women intellectuals in leadership positions, only 20 per cent — mostly men — favoured the traditional division of responsibility. Most thought that work was an effective way for women to raise their position in society, and wanted to see more women in the governmental decision-making bodies in order to reflect the new attitudes. Another sign of the changing times is that 56 per cent of the women polled wanted to retain their maiden names after marriage.

Awareness of the woman's role may be increasing, but it is likely to have little meaning for the Japanese woman entering the work force.

First, she will face the problem that many jobs have traditionally been considered to be the domain of men. Thus, while women constitute 40 per cent of the professional occupations, they account for only 5 per cent of all executive and administrative positions.

MS. MARIKO BANDO, one of the few female officials in the Prime Minister's Office, points out that it is much more difficult for women to advance as civil servants than as doctors or lawyers.

Indeed, although 20 per cent of civil servants are women, they occupy less than 1 per cent of managerial positions. Even then, she adds, women have a better chance of being promoted in the government, where workers of both sexes are given periodical examinations on an equal basis, than in the private sector, where promotions depend on the company management.

How do men react to working under a woman boss? Bando, a gentle and graceful woman of 31, replied that as long as men know they have the same opportunities to advance, they do not mind working for a woman.

"So, it is important for women managers to have sufficient clout in order to protect the interests of their subordinates."

BANDO WAS IN CHARGE of the White Paper on Women published last year by the Prime Minister's Office: "I was very frustrated to discover that so many young women

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Urbanizing Beduin goes on over sheiks' protests

By HARRY WALL Jerusalem Post Reporter SDE BOKER. — The government is moving ahead with its plan to build six townships for Negev Beduin...

settlements. This is to augment the IL150m. that has already been budgeted this year for the sites. According to Levanon every Beduin family that applies will be sold a one-dunam plot...



Something old, something new. Beduin children playing at tent site. In the background the city of Tel Sheva, the first of six Beduin "townships" being established.

U.S. economy can grow even with zero energy increases

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The President's Council on Environmental Quality, in a report with far-reaching implications, said yesterday that the U.S. can maintain healthy economic growth...

other recent studies to support its argument, said similar levels of economic growth can be obtained with increases in energy consumption as low as 0.5 per cent a year...

Most U.S. business editors pessimistic about economy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A survey of 110 business editors shows that more than half believe the American economy will decline in 1979. Although 83 per cent were able to find "bright spots," 70 per cent believed there were not enough positive indicators...

The survey was conducted before President Carter announced his anti-inflation programme last October, but Hill and Knowlton re-interviewed 41 of the 110 editors and found that their views on the Administration's effect on the economy "did not change from their original remarks."

The spectre of unemployment haunts both workers and government

Violence on French industrial scene

By JACK MAURICE Jerusalem Post Correspondent PARIS. — Outbursts of violence by both workers and managers are growing increasingly frequent in France as the challenge of unemployment remains as intractable as ever. This recourse to physical force is a matter of concern for Premier Raymond Barre...

protest against the lay-offs and bombardment of a police station with paving stones for over an hour. It took tear gas and riot police to drive them off. Violence is not only the work of those threatened by unemployment. At Firminy, near Saint-Etienne in central France, Vincent Guitard, manager of a factory which makes kitchen sinks, was detained by the police after driving his car straight at a policeman, Aime Brun.

management argue that much of this violence has been deliberately contrived by so-called "marginal" anarchists, agitators with no local ties who have travelled to points of tension like Longwy and Caen in order to whip up trouble. But this analysis overlooks the crucial influence of unemployment and the absence of job outlets for young school-leavers.

Histadrut committee seeks strengthening of vocational high school programmes

By LEA LEVAVI Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — A Histadrut committee on vocational education will soon go before the Histadrut central committee with a series of recommendations aimed at strengthening vocational education in Israel. Among the recommendations the committee has come up with are a programme to create closer relations between vocational schools and industry...

technical or technological training. Clerical studies, commerce, beauty care and other non-technical subjects are also part of vocational education. Of those in technological fields, Almozilno believes that about 75 per cent remain in some way associated with the trade they learned, though some become engineers and others self-employed TV repairmen or owners of electrical appliance shops.

ninth graders should be taken to visit vocational and technological high schools and convinced of the value of attending them. These schools should have the most modern equipment to attract students. Industry should be encouraged to develop close relationships with the schools, offering pupils summer jobs and helping in other ways.

Plastic products may go up in price

TEL AVIV. — The price of all products made from petroleum-based raw materials may skyrocket soon. Ya'acov Arava, marketing director of the Tama plastics factory of kibbutz Mishmar Haemek, told the press here yesterday that suppliers of petroleum-based raw materials abroad had broken existing contracts and were now demanding twice as much money as before the Iranian crisis.

There are, of course, vocational schools which are the perfect solution for weaker pupils, but there are also excellent technological programmes where a bright pupil can obtain his Basmat while still learning about computers, electronics or some other technological trade. Almozilno said that eighth and

EMPLOYMENT NOTES ARAB WORKERS from the administered areas employed in Israel through labour exchanges earned IL2,664m. in wages and fringe benefits during the April-through-December 1978 period, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs reports. For the 1978-79 budget year that sum will reach approximately IL2,200m.

Advertisement for a new toilet seat. Includes a photograph of the toilet seat and text: 'New toilet seat marketed'. The text describes the benefits of the new toilet seat, such as being durable and easy to clean.

Struggling to provide a chicken for every pot

By YITZHAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The present shortage of chicken in retail markets will get worse before it will start getting better, Ya'acov Doron, the director of the Poultry Marketing Board warned yesterday, describing the Doron likened the situation to a short blanket. "You just cannot keep all parts of your body warm. If you pull the blanket up to your face, your feet will be cold."

subsidy the consumer is receiving for chicken, making it the cheapest meat available. According to Doron each frozen chicken a consumer buys is subsidized by the government to the tune of IL15 to IL20 (depending on size) a kilo. And, as if these reasons were not enough, you have to listen to what has happened to an alternative way to import poultry, to alleviate the chicken shortage, Doron said.

Another factor in the overall picture is that a mysterious disease has killed off about one third of the country's turkey flock. Then, of course, there is the high price of chicken.

With seven weeks to go in the Passover, there is ground to fear shortage of chickens for the holiday, even if all the chicken imports arrive on time. The reason is that the present "tight" situation may lead to panic buying.

TRAVEL TRENDS/Baruch Saville

CANADIAN PASSENGERS arriving on Wardair charter flights are able to choose between two-week stays starting at \$799 at Shift hotels in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and top-level packages at the Hilton hotels in both cities. Ramada and Dan hotels are also part of the selection.

tour with SAA, give the cost as \$800 plus \$994 (in dollars accommodation). The amount in Israeli pounds can be paid in instalments, IL5,000 down and the balance over 12 months.

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SPAIN, WHICH HAS A capacity of some 40 million visitors a year, may introduce strict controls in its tourism sector after the authorisation of a 25 per cent price rise.

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LUTHANSA COMMENCES Frankfurt-Venice flights in April. The German airline will also introduce Frankfurt-Peking flights following an agreement with the airline rights to fly the Peking-Frankfurt route, with connecting the U.S., as of April 1.

Planning to please the palates of gastronomic cruise gourmets

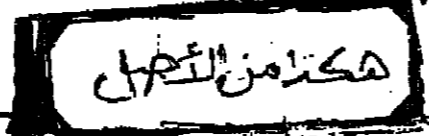
By HAIM SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter Executive chef David Dormer of the Jerusalem Inter-Continental is already busy planning a meal for next month. The visitors may well be the best-fed group ever to dine in a local hotel. They are passengers on the S.S. Rotterdam's 87-day gastronomic cruise, planned by the Holland America Line and the Inter-Continental Hotels. With chefs from five hotels on board, the ship left New York last month. It will come to Israel via the Far East.

Menus are scheduled to be daily and the chefs are to dine with the passengers, explaining various dishes and offering the haute cuisine and recipes. When they come to Jerusalem passengers will be offered a buffet including eight hot dishes as well as cold platters, specialties will include oriental and salads and a selection of cheeses.

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Money Matters



Tel Aviv Stock Exchange — closing prices

Turnover light as stock prices nudge upwards

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter
General mortgage gained five to 407. Tefahot rose by seven to 371, and Merav gained four to 240.

previous day, while bonds fell from IL22m. to IL23.6m.
Among bonds, 100 per cent linked fell in price, some between 1 and 3 per cent.

Most active shares
I.D.E. Ordinary 391 IL1.522m. n.c.
Leumi 367 1.544m. n.c.

AVIV. — The market continued to be yesterday, with turnover continuing to be light, although there was a steady upward trend in stocks — despite two "sellers" who were matched by two "buyers" only.

Table with columns: Closing Price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like Azorim, Azorim 20% deb. 1, Azorim 20% deb. 2, etc.

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Representative bond prices

Table with columns: Bond Name, Price, Change. Lists various bonds like 4% Gov't development, 3001, 3010, etc.

New York Stock Exchange

Closing prices - Feb. 20
Dow Jones Industrial Average: 834.54 +7.53
Volume: 22,030,000

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change. Lists various stocks like Allied Chemical, ASA, Amer. Int. Paper Mills, etc.

tal housing said non-economic here

LYNDA GOLDMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter
The head of investment search of the Bank of Israel said that rental housing in Tel Aviv would be a failure.



The new IBM 370/168 computer installation at Bank Leumi will link the bank directly to the stock exchange.

'On-line' to the TA stock exchange

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Bank Leumi has installed an IBM 370/168 computer which will allow the bank to offer a new service, called "Barnes," to its stock exchange customers.

Histadrut charges child allowances worth 20% less

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — National Insurance children's payments have lost 20 per cent of their value since 1975, according to research findings released yesterday by Moshe Sadeh, head of the Histadrut's social welfare department.

Merkava tank gets 'brains' from Elbit

HAIFA. — Elbit Computers has announced that a highly advanced fire control computer for the Merkava tank was recently put into production after two years of development work.

Local council v. private interests

Post Knesset Reporter
Conflict of interest on the part of local council members should be dealt with by law, Eliahu Speiser (Alignment) told the Knesset on Monday in a motion for the agenda.

Economic briefs/Shlomo Maoz

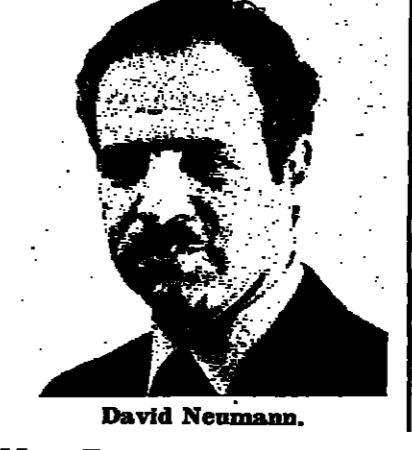
NOVEMBER WAS A TERRIBLE MONTH for people who got cheques — 17,000 of them bounced, about 5.8 per cent of the 295,000 cheques that were presented.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates — Feb. 20

Table with columns: Currency, Rate. Lists various currencies like U.S. dollars, Sterling, DM, etc.

New Rotary clubs governor is named

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — David Neumann, spokesman for the Central Bureau of Statistics, has been chosen governor of Israel's Rotary clubs for 1978-1980.



David Neumann.

No interest on loans at new Kuwait bank

KUWAIT (AP). — The oil-rich sheikhdom of Kuwait yesterday launched its first Islamic banking institution, a bank operating without charging or paying interest, in accordance with Islamic law.

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Mexico on the map

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Let there be light

IF THERE is one commodity Israel has no need to import it is sunlight. This natural daylight, one of the few natural resources we are blessed with...

THE NATIONAL Lawyers Guild in the U.S. has produced a lengthy "Report and Study" on "the treatment of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza."

The controversy over the alleged torture of Arab prisoners is based on claims that are difficult to check. Was Mohamed Tibirli brutalized, as described in the document? Was Lutfiya Hawari jabbed with needles and pins? Each case requires an investigation of its own.

It happens that the 123-page survey (whose conclusions graced a full-page advertisement in "The New York Times" more than a year ago, before the report was officially published) covers subjects other than torture, many of which are easy to probe...

LET US TAKE a closer look at some of the report's many sinister implications. Israel's economic regime in the administered areas is described as "clearly colonialist."

This would suggest that living standards fell in the administered areas, or at least did not improve. Yet that same report quotes one Jamil Hilal as stating that "the number of families with a television set in the West Bank went up from 2 per cent to 19 per cent of the population..."

AS TO THE "devastating impact" exercised on the economy of the areas by "all the above"...

Let us take a look at the NLG's own figures. The sentence after the one about the "devastating impact" says: "Between 1969 and 1973, the number of Palestinian workers in Gaza and the West Bank declined by 11,100, while the number working in Israel increased by 50,300."

Now they are jobless no more. The report states (p.28): "Israel's statistics also show that unemployment in the West Bank fell from 13 per cent to 0.9 per cent between 1968 and 1974, and in Gaza from 48 per cent to 1 per cent."



Kalkilya, 5 a.m. Going to work in Israel

(Rubinger)

Work of charlatans

The Post's DAVID KRIVINE studies the report of the U.S. National Lawyers Guild on how Israel treats Arabs from the administered territories and concludes that, "without an atom of exaggeration," it is a "load of bunkum."

Official circles in the U.S. do not appear to think so. Testifying before a committee of the House of Representatives in Washington last Tuesday, Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders referred to the rights of the Palestinians who work "in Israel proper" and who (after autonomy) "presumably would want to continue to do so."

CONDITIONS differ for different branches, according to the respective collective agreements. (These agreements apply to Israelis and non-Israeli Arabs equally, without any modification whatever.)

They do not get National Insurance, which is confined to Israeli residents (Israeli Arabs included). So their pension will be smaller than the Israeli pension, that is true.

But they do get two of the benefits under National Insurance: work accident insurance and maternity grants. The employer for his part has to pay his full monthly due for Arabs as for Israelis...

The part of the National Insurance which will, hopefully, become an annual event. I hope the next season of the Israel Philharmonic will open with "Thus spake Zarathustra" by Richard Strauss...

due which does not finance corresponding benefits is channelled to bolster the social services in the administered areas. The allocation appears under the proper budgetary heading: IL250m. for fiscal 1978. I have checked it.

THE REPORT says that the Arab refugees, who form a majority of the population in the Gaza Strip, live "in large camps without water, electricity and other amenities."

Is that an improvement? Not on your life. It cites one of those sublime resolutions voted by the UN's General Assembly, which calls on Israel "to halt refugee re-settlement efforts in the Gaza Strip, and to return immediately all the Palestinian refugees of Gaza to their old camps."

What is wrong with thinning out the overcrowded camp slums, which have been the object of tear-jerking articles in all the world's newspapers over the last three decades? Says the report: "Is this re-settlement of Gaza residents simply a benign effort to alleviate overcrowded conditions? We conclude that it is not."

We believe that Israel's objection is greater: to empty the Gaza Strip of its Palestinian people. (They reached that conclusion because some were re-settled in the West Bank and North Sinai.)

The point is repeated for emphasis. The report gives it out as an accepted fact that "the Israeli occupation of Gaza and the West Bank presents a particularly difficult situation for the local inhabitants as Israel does not recognize their right to live there (our italics). This is stated on p.1 of the Introduction. The subject surfaces again on p.87.

"Israel does not want the West Bank and Gaza with its people; this would change the demographic composition of Israel... Persecution is deliberately used by the Israeli authorities as a political weapon to intimidate the population into leaving the occupied areas."

THE ONLY public figure who has stated that he would like to "depopulate" (the NLG's word) the Arab areas is the spokesman of the right-wing lunatic fringe, Meir Kahane. But why argue about policies? Better look at the figures.

The report turns everything on its head. Listen to this: "Israel has built up a tremendous surplus with the West Bank and Gaza - \$512m. from 1967 to 1974."

How is the Arab deficit paid for? The Arab areas export services to Israel, and use the money to import goods. Salaries earned in Israel infect purchasing-power into the administered areas, which is the best way of stimulating economic growth.

ARAB FACTORIES need an outlet. Israel supplies it; but that is not good either. A moment ago, Israel was blamed for building up "a tremendous trade surplus" with the areas, meaning that she imports less than she exports. In the very next sentence the Jewish state is denounced for importing too much.

Thus: "Israel's more advanced industry has given it the opportunity to purchase the manufactured products of the West Bank and Gaza's small industrial capacity, thereby rendering that industry dependent on Israeli purchases."

What small industry would turn down such an opportunity? Let us rephrase the offending sentence: "The Common Market's more advanced industry has given it the opportunity to purchase the manufactured products of Israel's small industrial capacity, thereby rendering that industry dependent on the Common Market's purchases."

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The Arabs - need it be said? - are free to sell their manufactured goods wherever they like and to whomever they like.

The self-contradictions in this egregious document are endless, and the reader must be fatigued by now. Yet one more allegation has to be examined. It concerns the manner in which Israel is supposed to be conducting Arab agriculture - and the reader must be fatigued by now.

YET THE NLG states that Israel, by various devices (restricting crops that are over-produced, encouraging crops that sell well) has "caused farming in the West Bank to become prohibitively expensive, with many farmers abandoning their land and becoming workers in Israel."

Or is it? On the very same page as the observation about "farmers abandoning their land" we read the following: "Between 1968 and 1975 tomato production in Gaza tripled, citrus production more than doubled, and in the West Bank wheat production rose by 50 per cent, banana production more than doubled and poultry production more than tripled."

Stupefied by its own statement, the report adds a corrective: "However, because of demographic, land ownership and other changes since 1967, the benefits of these product increases often do not accrue to the Palestinians."

What the above complicated and evasive sentence means in simple terms is that the benefit accrues to the new Israeli settlers. That is another glaring untruth. Figures published by the Central Bureau of Statistics for the administered areas do not include the Israeli settlers, whose output is classified separately as part of Israel's own gross national product.

Below are figures for agricultural output by the Arabs (and not anyone else) in the West Bank, in thousands of tons.

THE VALUE of their agricultural output has doubled over nine years. Not bad, by any standard of international comparison.

TOTAL RESOURCES in the West Bank shot up during the same period, at constant (that is, 1968) prices, from IL567m. to IL1,375b., a two-and-a-half-fold increase. In Gaza total resources rose from IL310m. to IL680m., a more than threefold increase. (At 1977 prices the figure for both zones together is IL13,765b.)

This happened during a period when the population augmented by 15 per cent. If such statistics reflect economic stagnation, then logic has no meaning.

All the NLG's distortions and contradictions reveal that their report is the work of charlatans. The appalling lack of integrity shown by a well-known agency in the handling of verifiable material should serve as an indication of the credibility that can be attached to the horror stories it prints about subjects which are more difficult to check.

Table with 3 columns: 1967/76, 1976/77, Increase (%). Rows include Field crops, Vegetables and potatoes, Citrus, Olives and other fruit.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE JAPANESE government will conduct an experiment early next month, hoping to find a way to eliminate dolphins from fishing grounds without killing them, according to AP.

The officials said their purpose was to use sound waves to turn dolphins away from lily waters, where they eat \$2.5m. worth of young yellowtail and squid a year. "We're hoping that dolphins will go some place else and, please, eat less valuable fish," he said.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir - I read with great interest Benny Morris's recent article about the United States Israel Educational Policy Colloquium.

TODAY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir - Congratulations on your new Today section on food. With all the interest in eating to keep fit, you came up with practical advice on how to go about it.

Dry Bones

Humorous cartoon panels with dialogue bubbles. One says 'COMRADE BREZHNEV! THERE ARE TWO MEN SITTING IN RED SQUARE!' Another says 'WHAT ARE THEY DOING? TALKING.' A third says 'SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?!!' A fourth says 'THEY'RE TALKING CHINESE.'

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